

The Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

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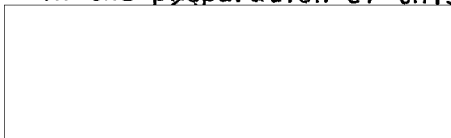
MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Assistant to the President for National  
Security Affairs

SUBJECT : Status of the President's Report on U.S. and  
Soviet Forces

1. The next edition of the Report, which will cover the nine-month period ending 30 June, is now scheduled to be available for President Reagan in mid-July. The Report, which has three geographic sections, as well as those on theater and strategic forces, originated in 1969 when the President asked the DCI for a review of selected Soviet forces, highlighting recent trends, developments, and future changes. The Report was enlarged to include U.S. forces in 1979 at the request of the President's National Security Adviser.

2. I understand that the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy, Fred Ikle, has requested that the NSC Staff review the Report to determine if it continues to be a useful document. At present, the DoD believes the requirement for the Report is no longer in effect. Although the Soviet sections are well under way, DoD will only be able to prepare its sections to cover the current reporting period and meet the production schedule if they receive instructions soon. If the NSC Staff would like the Report to continue as a timely, joint effort presenting both U.S. and Soviet forces, you must reiterate the requirement in writing and direct both the Director of Central Intelligence and the Secretary of Defense to proceed as in the past in the preparation of this Report.

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